



St. John Chrysostom

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am & 10:00 am

12:00 pm (Spanish)

live stream available

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:00 am

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

First Friday

Mass at 7:00 pm

No morning Mass on
First Friday

Reconciliation

Saturdays after 9am Mass
or by appointment

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Office Hours:

Call the office to book
your appointment.

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

In-person visits available Tuesday through Friday by
appointment only.

Most of the activities listed below have been put on hold or have been adapted to observe COVID-19 regulations. Please contact the parish office if the contact information below does not provide you with the communication you need.

Thank you for your patience.

Welcome New Parishioners

New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office where you can also learn how you can share your time, talent and treasure in the parish.

Baptism

Contact the parish office a minimum of three months before the desired date of Baptism.

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation & Christian Initiation-RCIA

Adults wishing to become Catholic, please contact the parish office and ask to speak to the Pastor.

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least one year in advance of the desired date.
weddings@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

Anointing of the Sick

For home visits, call the parish office.
From the hospital, ask for a priest directly at the nursing station.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Postponed until further notice.

Visiting Ministry

To arrange for a visit and/or to receive Holy Communion to someone at home, contact the parish office.

Volunteer Screening

ScreeningSTJC@archtoronto.org

Catholic Women's League

President – Madeleine Burke

cwl@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight – Vince Scarfone

facebook.com/kofc6643

knights@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

St. Vincent de Paul

To volunteer, make a donation or if you require assistance call 905-898-4264

Blog: sjcses.blogspot.com

Community Bread

For information, to volunteer or to donate, contact

communitybread@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

Catholic Schools

Canadian Martyrs 905-895-8530

Notre Dame 905-895-5001

St. John Chrysostom 905-895-7411

St. Nicholas 905-895-3777

St. Paul 905-895-4122

Sacred Heart H.S. 905-895-3340

Chaplain: Erica Gismondi

Trustee: Theresa McNicol 905-898-2210

Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 26

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Monday, December 27

8:00 am Mass

♦ Lourdes Halifax

Tuesday, December 28

7:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, December 29

12:00 pm Mass

† Norma Escote

♦ Brandie Shibley

Thursday, December 30

8:00 am Mass

† Josephine Khashmanian

† Peter & Mary Ennamorato

Friday, December 31

5:00 pm Mass

† Pro Populo

♦ Pro Populo

Saturday, January 1

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

We ask for your prayers

For the Sick:

Jake Tallon, Bill Jonkman,
Jennifer Fantasia, Ann Allen,
Brian Allen, Lani Lati,

For the Deceased:

Jim Antonio
Vito Dellino
Paul Gregory Kelly
Francesco Sorrento
Alex Sloman



OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED

December 25, 26, 27 & 28

December 31-closed at Noon

CLOSED

January 1, 2, & 3, 2022



Today's liturgy speaks of two families. The first is the family that consists of parents and children: "The shepherds ... found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger." The first two readings are about the qualities of the people who make up such a family, and we pray that God may "unite our families in peace and love." We also pray that God may "help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love." Here the liturgy concerns the human family, of which the Holy Family is also a model: "we want to live as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in peace with you and one another." Perhaps now more than ever, we need to beg God to "show us the value of family life and help us to live in peace with all men."



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wanted to greet you and wish you and your families a Merry Christmas! This year, we find ourselves dealing with uncertainty, chaos, worries and business in our lives.

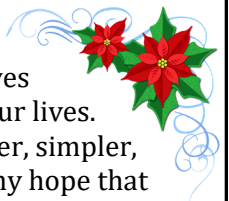
Christmas will be different from last year's, which was quieter, simpler, and humbler, like the very first Christmas in Bethlehem. It is my hope that these difficult times bring us close to Christ. During this Christmas time, it is God who comes to us and gives us a most precious gift: his Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. He is looking for someone to welcome him, as we hear in the words of the Gospel; we just need to open the doors of our hearts to let him in. Will you be that person? The mystery of the Incarnation shows us that God is truly with us, Emmanuel. Jesus experienced fully our human condition, the joys, and sorrows of life. We are not alone. He is not indifferent, and he has not abandoned us. Christ comes to meet us in our daily life, with all its struggles.

I do not know what awaits us in the New Year but let us trust in God.

May the birth of our Saviour fill you with love, joy, and peace!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Landorff Garcia



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thank you to all who participated in the Food Drive last weekend. We collected over 400lbs of food and \$425.00 despite the cold and snow. Your generosity is much appreciated. We wish you all a happy, holy, and safe Christmas Season. Please remember the annual membership fees of \$25. are now due. Thank you.



CANTORS NEEDED



Do you have a pleasant singing voice? And would like to proclaim the Word of God through song? If so, contact the parish office, we are auditioning for more cantors. Ability to read music is not necessary but definitely will help.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next 50/50 jackpot draw will be on **December 31, 2021**. For a chance to win over \$27,000. purchase your tickets at: <https://bit.ly/32Gy5fa>



NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:30 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm (Spanish)

Livestreaming will be available for all New Year's Masses

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION



Classes begin this January for First Eucharist on **January 12 or 13** depending upon which day and which time you signed up for. You will be receiving an email no later than January 5, 2022 indicating which class your child has signed up for and the date of your child's First Communion Mass. If you do not receive an email by January 5, 2022, please email the parish office for clarification.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION



Classes begin this January for Confirmation on **January 5 or 6** depending upon which day and which time you signed up for. You will be receiving an email no later than December 29, 2021 indicating which class your child has signed up for and the date of your child's Confirmation Mass. If you do not receive an email by December 29, 2021, please email the parish office for clarification.

WORSHIP SAFE UPDATE

Due to the latest COVID - Omicron Variant the Archdiocese has asked that we limit singing during mass to that of the **cantor only**. Help us by following the rules and protect your fellow parishioners; please **do not sing during Mass** until further notice. Singing potentially spreads airborne contagion a distance of 10 feet.



WRITING CONTEST 2022

Students ages 13-19 are invited to submit a 450-500 word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2022. The theme of the contest is: "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt.2:2). The deadline for your submission is Monday, **February 14, 2022 at 2pm**. For contest details visit:

<https://bit.ly/3oFTXm0>



SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality

LIVING THE GOSPEL

As you consider your blessings, please make an act of **ShareLife** hope today by supporting those in need. We can get through this new stage of the pandemic if we do it together. May God bless you and your loved ones as you prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Arthur Peters Executive Director, ShareLife



ShareLife



Together We Pray

For the children who died in residential schools throughout Canada and for all those who continue on a journey through the darkness, that there may be healing founded on truth and that the Spirit will inspire our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

God, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, continue to offer us correction so that your grace might change and transform us in our weakness and repentance.

Give us humility to listen when others reveal how we have failed and courage to love others as ourselves, mindful of your love for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Amen.



VOCATIONS



By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto. 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



On behalf of everyone at the Christmas Giving Tree Program and St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program, we would like to thank you for your incredible generosity. The money collected far exceeded our expectations and we are so very thankful for the kindness you showed through your donations. With the money raised, we were able to provide Upper Canada Mall or Walmart gift cards to over two hundred families, individuals and families living with physical and/or other challenges, and residents of local shelters. As well, residents of local long term care facilities received Christmas assistance to make their stays more comfortable. The Christmas season is a time for reaching out to those in need and your donations brightened up the season for the vulnerable in our community. We wish you all peace, happiness and above all, health for 2022.



OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on
December 18-19

Offertory

\$10,922.

Thank you for
your generosity

STEWARDSHIP BUILDING FAMILIES ON PRAYER



The Gospel from Luke today recounts how "every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover." Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their child. We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well by teaching the importance of the Mass and family prayer.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Offertory envelopes for **2022** are available at the entrance of the church. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be assigning the numbered boxes as in previous years but encourage you to pick up a regular box of envelopes for your own use. Please consider donating by Pre-Authorized Giving or Credit Card. Call the Accounting office at ext. 206 for more information on these methods of making your donation. PAG and Credit Card donors are encouraged to pick up a regular box of envelopes to use for special collections. A few things to remember before you start using the 2022 envelopes:

- **Start using the envelopes on January 1, 2022.**
- For the month of January, fill in your name and address on each envelope.
- The number on your box of envelopes is designated for **your** use only.

- Please do not give your envelopes to anyone else outside of your household.

We'd like to remind everyone that we need your cooperation in maintaining a safe space for our weekend Masses. Please remember to Register for weekend Mass through Eventbrite or call the parish office before Friday and we will be happy to register for you. Registering for Mass and **arriving 15 to 20 minutes before** the mass begins will help our volunteers to know how many walk-ins they have room to accept, after you are seated, so mass can begin on time. Please help our volunteers as they continue to serve our parish community.

At all times, but especially during busy seasons such as Christmas & New Years we are grateful for the many volunteers that keep the parish running smoothly. Thank you.



**Registration is mandatory for
all weekend Masses only.**

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 8:30 am

Sunday: 10am

12pm in Spanish

PARISH BULLETIN

If you would like to receive the parish bulletin weekly on-line, visit our parish website or click on the link below to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3ByJFYs>



RENOVATION PROJECTS

We are happy to report that our new boiler system is now up and running. The system will take a few weeks to stabilize and calibrate so you may find temperatures fluctuate from time to time. However, the church will be warmer than it has been for the last couple of weeks. Please consider bringing or wearing a heavier coat to mass for a couple more weeks just in case you find you need it.

In the process of starting our bell tower brick renewal project, we have found areas of deterioration that will need more investigation before we put new bricks in place. As a safety precaution, we will be installing scaffolding over the north exit doorway from the Church to the rear parking lot that will stay in place until all work is completed. Additional scaffolding will be installed around the tower to facilitate worker access to the areas to be looked at. We anticipate that the investigation will take about two months to complete and we will update you when we have new information to share. Lastly, the order details for our new ovens in our Parish Hall should be in place early in the new year. There is a considerable lag time right now between ordering and delivery due to the strain on the supply chain from the pandemic. Look for an update on this project in early February.

All these projects will use the Family of Faith funds to complete. They are part of the infrastructure maintenance and renovations to the Parish Hall. The Parish Building Committee, Finance Council, the Pastor, and our Regional Bishop have been consulted, and they have approved these projects. Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we work through these very important projects. Dan Christante - Property Manager

Canadian Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Provide an Update on Delegation to Rome

December 7, 2021,

After careful assessment of the uncertainty and potential health risks surrounding international travel amid the recent spread of the Omicron variant, the Canadian Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami have jointly decided to reschedule a delegation to the Vatican in December 2021 to the earliest opportunity in 2022.

The decision to postpone was a heartbreaking one, made after careful consultation with delegates, family members, community leaders, public health officials and the leadership of each of the three National Indigenous Organizations. Particularly for many elderly delegates as well as those who live in remote communities, the risk of infection and the fluid nature of the evolving global situation presents too great a threat at this time.

We take comfort in the desire, conveyed to us by the Holy See, that the safety of the delegation should inform any decision to move forward. It is also important to note that the delegation is postponed not cancelled.

Currently, the world's health experts are still learning about the transmissibility of the Omicron variant. As more information becomes available, we will continue to assess the feasibility of future travel plans, based on guidance from the Canadian government and relevant international authorities.

Our shared commitment to walking together towards healing and reconciliation remains strong. We understand that the Holy See is very much committed to rescheduling this visit in the new year and we look forward to the opportunity for Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors, and youth to participate in private meetings with Pope Francis



ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH: BULLETIN ADVERTISING



Effective **January 1, 2022**, we are launching our own Bulletin Advertising program. This will allow us more control in production time of and less space restrictions in our bulletins. If you are a business owner, we invite you to consider advertising your business in our Parish Bulletins, available weekly at mass and virtually through our website and e-blasts. Our parish consists of roughly 5,000 registered families from Newmarket and surrounding areas.

They receive the weekly bulletin in hard copy at the church, register to receive it electronically by email or view it through the parish website at:

<https://stjohnchrysostomne.archtoronto.org/en/bulletin/>

This is a valuable, effective, local, and affordable method to promote your business to our congregation. The advertising campaigns will run annually from January 1 to December 31 but if you miss the January 31, initial deadline, we would pro-rate the following annual costs for the remaining months.

1 Block @ \$400/yr

2 Blocks @ \$550/yr

3 Blocks @ \$750/yr

4 Blocks @ \$950/yr

All ads are black and white. Basic block size is 2.5 inch by 1 inch horizontal. The 2-block size, based on availability, can be horizontal or vertical.

(Advertisers to provide their own artwork.)

During the months of July and August bulletins are published biweekly. Payment would be due at the beginning of your advertising period. If you are interested in discussing our advertising option, we'd be happy to speak with you.

Please contact the parish office for more information. 905-898-4137 or by email parish.office@stjohnsnewmarket.ca

We pray that you, your family, and your business are coping well through this challenging time.

Regards,

Reverend Landorff Garcia Mariona

<p><i>Thank you</i></p> <p><i>We are very grateful to all our Advertisers and their continued support and loyalty.</i></p> <p><i>Please help support our Sponsors by patronizing their businesses, especially during this time.</i></p>		
<p>Space Available!</p> <p>PLACE YOUR AD HERE!</p> <p>Please contact the parish office to advertise in our bulletin.</p> <p>1 block @ \$400/year</p> <p>2 blocks @ \$550/year</p> <p>3 blocks @ \$750/year</p> <p>4 blocks @ \$950/year</p>		

Canadian Bishops to Welcome Pope Francis to Canada on Historic Pilgrimage of Healing and Reconciliation

OTTAWA

October 27, 2021



The Catholic Bishops of Canada are grateful that Pope Francis has accepted their invitation to visit Canada on a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation. The Holy Father's full statement:

"The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has invited the Holy Father to make an apostolic journey to Canada, also in the context of the long-standing pastoral process of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. His Holiness has indicated his willingness to visit the country on a date to be settled in due course."

In anticipation of this visit, the planned delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and youth will travel to the Holy See, where they will have the opportunity to speak to Pope Francis about the timing, focus, and themes in preparation for his future pilgrimage to Canada.

"The Bishops of Canada have been engaged in meaningful discussions with Indigenous Peoples, especially those affected by Residential Schools who have shared stories about the suffering and challenges that they continue to experience," said CCCB President, the Most Rev. Raymond Poisson. "We pray that Pope Francis' visit to Canada will be a significant milestone in the journey toward reconciliation and healing."

The Canadian Bishops recently pledged to work with the Holy See and Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit to Canada by the Pope. Following this pledge and informed by three years of ongoing dialogue between the Canadian Bishops, the Holy See, and Indigenous Peoples, the President and former-President of the CCCB met in Rome with the Secretary of State of the Holy See to discuss next steps on the reconciliation journey earlier this month and in preparation for the delegation.

This delegation to the Holy See will take place from December 17-20, 2021, and is being planned in close collaboration with National Indigenous Organizations and other partners.

"We will invite the delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers, and youth who will meet with Pope Francis to open their hearts to the Holy Father and share both their suffering as well as their hopes and desires for his eventual visit to Canada," added Bishop Poisson.

Additional details about Pope Francis' pilgrimage to Canada, as well as the Rome delegation will be announced by the CCCB as details are confirmed.

About the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948.

Letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins

October 27, 2021



I am most grateful that Pope Francis has accepted the invitation of the Bishops of Canada for a pastoral visit to advance the healing and reconciliation journey with the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

I reiterate the unequivocal apology of the Canadian bishops from earlier this year as we sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day.

We affirm our commitment to walk with the

Indigenous people on the lengthy path of healing and dialogue. I pray that the visit of the Holy Father will provide a space for that journey to continue through authentic encounters of compassion, understanding and reconciliation.

To assist in establishing the foundation for his pilgrimage to Canada, later this year, from December 17-20, the Holy Father will welcome a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and young people at the Vatican. Over the course of several days, through authentic listening and dialogue, Pope Francis will hear directly from those who have suffered.

I invite the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto to join me in prayer for all those who suffer from the legacy of the residential school system. We pray also for the delegates who will visit with the Holy Father in December. Finally, we keep Pope Francis close in prayer. May he be blessed with good health and strength to prepare him to join us at the appropriate moment to continue our journey of healing and reconciliation together.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

Thomas Collins

+ Thomas Card. Collins

Archbishop of Toronto